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SUBJECT: UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER OF THAI MILITARY ATTEND PRC
RECEPTION IN HONOR OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PLA

REF: BANGKOK 5109

1. AUG. 2, BANGKOK POST AND NATION CARRIED FRONT PAGE
ARTICLES AND PICTURES ON RECEPTION GIVEN AUG. 1 BY
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC) AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND,
CH'AI TSE-MIN, IN CELEBRATION OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
FOUNDING OF CHINESE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY (PLA).
BOTH ARTICLES REPORTED THAT THAI MILITARY LEADERS TURNED
OUT IN FULL FORCE FOR THE RECEPTION. BANGKOK POST
CAPTION READ "MILITARY LEADERS WISH CHINA WELL," AND
ARTICLE STATED THIS WAS FIRST TIME SO MANY HIGH RANKING
MILITARY OFFICERS HAD GATHERED FOR AN OFFICIAL PRC
RECEPTION. NATION QUOTED DEFENSE MINISTER ADMIRAL
SA-NGAT CHALOYU AS SAYING "THE FACT THAT SO MANY TOP
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THAI OFFICIALS ARE HERE SHOULD SHOW THAT THAI-
CHINESE RELATIONSHIP IS GOOD AND IMPROVING." PHOTOS
SHOWED THAI OFFICERS AND AMBASSADOR CH'AI IN AMICABLE
CONVERSATION. OTHER THAI OFFICIALS PRESENT INCLUDED
DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL LEK NAEWMALEE;
DEPUTY SUPREME COMMANDER KRIANGSAK CHAMMANAN; ARMY
COMMANDER IN CHIEF GENERAL SOEM NA NAKHON; CHIEF OF

STAFF SUPREME COMMAND GENERAL CHAROEN PHONGPHANIT;
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL SECRETARY GENERAL AIR
VICE MARSHAL SIT SAWETTASILA; AND GENERAL SAIYUT
KOETPHON OF INTERNAL SECURITY OPERATIONS COMMAND.

2, COMMENT: SINCE REFTEL SUMMARIZED GROWING ROC
INFLUENCE IN THAILAND, THIS IS THE FIRST , AND A
VERY PUBLIC,INDICATION OF RTG EFFORTS TO DEMONSTRATE
FRIENDLY STATUS OF ITS RELATIONS WITH PRC. AS SUCH,
IT MAY BE INDICATIVE OF THE SECOND HALF OF A
BALANCING ACT IN WHICH THE RTG IS ATTEMPTING TO
CONTINUE UNOFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH ROC WHILE
INCREASING THE NATION'S SECURITY BY DEMONSTRATING
FRIENDLY DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRC AND HOPEFULLY
ENLISTING PRC SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION OF RTG'S
PROBLEMS WITH THE INDOCHINA COUNTRIES.
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